MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is a general question and so it does not arise. But in this particular case the offence committed was against the provisions contained in sub-section (i) of Section 5 of the Newspapers Regulation.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Newspapers Regulation is intended to satisfy personal vengeance?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I decline to answer that question.

Government Servants who are Reporters to Newspapers.

271. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are persons in the Government service who are reporters and contributors to newspapers; and

(*b*) whether it is permissible for Government servants to contribute to newspapers praising, adversely criticising or reviewing the administration of the State as a whole for a period or a particular measure?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There was a Government clerk who until recently was the regular correspondent of the "*Madras Mail*". He has now been ordered to sever all connections with that newspaper.

(*b*) The member is referred to the Resolution of Government, dated the 21st January 1888, and Notification dated the 7th April 1891 regarding the position of Government officers as correspondents, etc., of newspapers, published at pages 130 and 328 of the issues of the *Government Gazette* dated the 21st February 1888 and 14th April 1891, respectively.

Endorsement on Memorial to His Excellency the Viceroy from Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai.

272. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that an endorsement given to Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai, Member, Legislative Council, Trivandrum, on the telegram which he had sent to His Excellency the Viceroy, regarding Mr. Mathan's action in Chengannur, has been received in the Huzur Secretariat, and, if so, what has happened to it?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No such endorsement addressed to Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai, Member, Legislative Council, Trivandrum, has been received by the Government in the Huzur Secretariat.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I may point out a mistake earlier. I did not say in my interpellation whether an endorsement addresed to Mr. "K. P." Nilakanta Pillai was received in the Secretariat, but whether an endorsement addressed to Mr. Nilakanta Pillai was received there.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): However, this is what I find in the question.

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